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Dear Geraint

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (LGOIMA) REQUEST FOR DOG REGISTRATION FEES INFORMATION**

I refer to your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please find below the information you requested, provided in accordance with the terms of the Act.

In response to your questions I have listed them below with our responses.

Q1. What was the total revenue raised for the last 5 financial years from dog registrations?

A1.

Financial year	Total revenue from dog registrations	Total Cost of service for Animal Control
2012-13	\$408,124	\$646,367
2013-14	\$419,511	\$829,403 *
2014-15	\$438,563	\$722,346
2015-16	\$473,305	\$748,454
2016-17 YTD	\$478,667	\$766,242

**Note** \* \$100,342 Legal cost for prosecution resulting from dog attack on a person

Q2. Direct costs associated with gathering that revenue?

A2. The direct costs associated with gathering the dog registration revenue is not independently tracked but is part of the overall costs incurred in running the Dog Control service.

Q3. Is there an allocation to animal control and impounding unregistered dogs from the registration fee charged to responsible dog owners?

A3. Animal Control Services includes dog control and stock control with the approximate split of costs being 98 percent for dogs control and 2 percent for stock control. Dog registration fees are only used for the purposes of dog control services therefore there is no allocation of fees from the responsible dog owners' registration fee to the stock control portion of Animal Control.

A portion of the dog registration fee for responsible dog owners goes towards the running and maintenance cost of the pound, vehicles and staff costs. As unregistered dogs are collected by our staff and placed into the pound it means that indirectly a portion of the fee does cover impounding costs for the impounding these dogs. The reasoning behind this is it is Council's Policy that dog owners pay the majority of the costs incurred by Council for the dog control portion of animal control.

However as you will note from the table above that registration fees charged to dog owners does not cover the entire cost of the dog control service and there is an approximate 33% of the service costs paid by the ratepayers. The remaining approximately 4% of revenue is from infringements issued. The portion paid by the ratepayers is to cover the public benefit of the service such as removing unregistered dogs from our streets.

Q4 I would like to know in dollar terms how the dog registration revenue is allocated.

A4. The cost of the Animal Control service as given in the table above outlines the total cost each year that was allocated to Animal Control. As explained the revenue from dog registration fees contributes to the total cost with the remaining cost paid by ratepayers.

The broad services costs areas provided below for the last full year 2015-16 year:

- *Staff costs* \$411,818 (Animal control, management and support staff salaries, leave, ACC charges, Human Resource services, training and uniforms),
- *Legal costs* \$1,017 (legal advice and legal representation in court cases),
- *Court costs* \$15,900 (charges for lodging infringements),
- *Vehicle costs* \$23,930 (purchase, depreciation, maintenance and running costs),
- *Pound costs* \$25,657 (cleaning chemicals, Veterinarian services, maintenance, depreciation and running costs)
- *Computer services costs* \$62,358 (computers, databases for dog register, infringements, complaints, website, and service charges for development and maintenance of the databases and website),
- *Communication costs* \$58,544 (24 hour, seven days a week call centre charges, advertising dog information, stationery, cell phones etc. )
- *Registration costs* \$135,632 (accounting charges, printing, stationery and postage) and
- Contribution to reserves \$13,598 (dog signage, clearing and cleaning dog exercise areas, etc.)

Note: **Financial year** is 1 July to 30 June the following year  
**YTD** is 1 July 2016 to 30 April 2017

If you have any further questions on Dog registration fees please contact Jim Sutton Manager Environmental Standards, email [jsutton@pcc.govt.nz](mailto:jsutton@pcc.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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